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SUBJ: NAMIBIA - BORDER INCIDENTS

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS (FEB 21) REPORTS THAT FIVE SOUTH AFRICANS WERE KILLED IN TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS ON THE NAMIBIAN BORDER FEB 19. ACCORDING TO A SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE (SADF) STATEMENT QUOTED IN THE REPORT, THE FIRST INCIDENT TOOK PLACE WHEN GUERRILLAS ATTACKED A WATER SUPPLY POINT, KILLING TWO SADF ENLISTED MEN. TWO OF THE ATTACKERS WERE REPORTED KILLED AFTER A SUBSEQUENT TRACKING OPERATION. THE SECOND INCIDENT REPORTEDLY INVOLVED GUERRILLAS OPERATING FROM ZAMBIA FIRING ON AND DESTROYING AN ARMY VEHICLE IN CAPRIVI.

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AN SADF MAJOR, A COMMANDANT, AND A SOUTH AFRICAN CIVILIAN WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED.

2. T.N.H. JANSON, DEPUTY MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE, TOLD EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT THE LATTER INCIDENT WAS PARTICULARLY WORRISOME SINCE IT TOOK PLACE ON THE ROAD FROM KATIMA MULILO TO THE M'PACHA AIRBASE

AND REPRESENTED MORE AGGRESSIVE GUERRILLA TACKTICS IN
THE CAPRIVI AREA.

3. THE PRESS REPORT ALSO MENTIONS OTHER INCIDENTS,
INCLUDING ONE ON FEB 14 IN WHICH THE OVAMBO BATTALION
WAS REPORTED TO HAVE KILLED FOUR GUERRILLAS DURING A
SKIRMISH.
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